

12 February 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence

SUBJECT : Personnel Ceilings

REFERENCE : Memorandum from DD/I, 6 February 1952, same subject

2. (Ref. your 2.b.) No positions or activities came to light in this review that can be classed as unessential. For activities that would be selected for elimination or reduction if the proposed ceiling were made permanent, see Tabs B and C.

3. (Ref. your 2.c.) Basic facts concerning OHR's present situation and 1952 and 1953 T/O's, by divisions, are given in Tab A. In brief, the ceiling for OHR exceeds positions presently (8 February) encumbered by 6 only.

4. (Ref. your 2.d.) a. Permanent limitation of OHR's T/O to the proposed would seriously prejudice effective performance of portions of the basic mission of the Office, even if the T/O were completely replanned to adjust to this lower figure. (Details in Tab E.)

b. Such replanning would introduce additional difficulties and consequent prejudice to accomplishment of the Office mission over the next few months because recruitment has not been uniformly rapid throughout the divisions. (Examples in Tab C.)

5. OHR's T/O proposals for 1952 and 1953 were finally determined, not by estimates of the numbers necessary to perform wholly satisfactorily the tasks assigned to us, but by the limiting factor introduced by appraisal of recruiting possibilities. Experience proves both that our estimates were realistic and that our selecting was carefully done. (Details in Tab D.)

6. While strict adherence to the for an indefinite period would necessitate severe tailoring of the OHR mission, restriction of monthly growth beyond this ceiling to our fair proportion per month set by the Director, cutting our present average of 25.3 beginning 1 July 1952, would impose no serious obstacle to the accomplishment of our presently assigned mission. (Further discussion in Tab E.)

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